(d) and (e) This falls within the purview of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) under the Electricity Act, 2003.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

FPIs in Assam

1707. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of food processing units in Assam;

(b) whether some of the units, which were set up a long back, are closed down due to mismanagement and have incurred heavy losses, especially those which were in the co-operative sector like Howly Marketing Sambay Samiti;

(c) whether Government would give financial assistance to the State/co-operatives to revive those units;

(d) the details of the proposals received for setting up new units in the State; and

(e) the detail of amount earmarked under various schemes therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) As food processing industries are both in the organized and unorganized sectors, information on food processing industries established in the country, their present status including information on units that have been closed down in the States are not Centrally maintained in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

The Ministry has no scheme for revival of closed down units and hence the question of earmarking funds for the same does not arise. However, for promotion and development of food processing industries and to enhance their financial viability, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan Scheme for Technology upgradation/ Modernization/Establishment of food processing units. Under the above scheme, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, J & K, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, assistance at still higher rates i.e. @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crores for setting up of new food processing units and upto Rs. 1 crore for upgradation/modernization of existing units is available industries involved in processing of horticultural produce.

During the Tenth Plan period 67 proposals were received from Assam for Setting up/ Modernization/Technology Upgradation of Food Processing units of which 35 proposals with a total grant of Rs. 2188.09 lakhs have been aproved so far. The units approved so far included the sectors of poultry processing, grain milling, fruits and vegetable processing, oil refining, dairy processing, bakery and consumer products.